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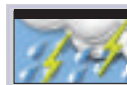
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Police work to ID body

RCMP calls in unit
dealing in high-risk
lifestyle murders

By VICTORIA HANDYSIDES
Metro Edmonton

Investigators are a few steps closer to identifying a body of a woman found in Strathcona County recently, and are enlisting the help of Project KARE, the police unit dedicated to solving the multiple mur-

found near home

» Strathcona County RCMP Cpl. Darren Anderson said it's thought the body was lying in the wooded marsh area 300 to 500 metres from the home between nine months to two years.

ders of prostitutes and people with high-risk lifestyles.

Strathcona County RCMP Cpl.

Darren Anderson said that though RCMP Major Crimes is still the lead investigating unit, Project KARE is actively involved.

"We have to treat it as if it were a homicide. Just for the fact alone that the body was found in a remote location in a wooded area, that's suspicious enough," Anderson said.

Anderson described the victim as having "nice, well cared-for teeth" which were capped with a number of gold fillings. He added that Project KARE has a large database of missing women, includ-

ing dental records.

"We have a good ability though this case to get confirmation through dental records, which is where we're going to start."

Though it's not yet known who the recovered skull and bones belonged to, investigators believe the victim was a woman between 25 and 50 years old possibly of Asian or Aboriginal descent.

The victim's skull was carried by a dog to its owners Friday in the rural subdivision of Belvedere Heights.

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Gimme shelter

Stevo Basara takes a soggy trek across the High Level Bridge. The wet weather is expected to continue till tomorrow. The storm spawned a brief tornado watch in the Edmonton area yesterday afternoon.

Tornado a no show

Edmontonians got a brief scare yesterday as Environment Canada issued a tornado watch for the region after a powerful storm blew through the city.

Ben Kulak, a meteorologist with Environment Canada, said the localized storm was short-lived.

"These types of storms don't usually produce funnel clouds, but if they do drop down to the ground and become tornadoes, they can last for a short period of time and will cause minimal damage," said Kulak.

"It's not like the Edmonton tornadoes that were seen in 1987, it's not that type of situation."

On July 31, 1987, a powerful tornado roared through east Edmonton, killing 28 people.

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Ticket holders eager to see the British rock band Coldplay, left, in concert will have to wait a little longer to see the group perform again in Edmonton. The July 29 show has been postponed, although a new date has not yet been announced.

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Foster-care problems spark revamp

Report ordered
after death of boy

By **JEFF CUMMINGS**
Metro Edmonton

Would-be foster parents in Alberta will be examined more closely by child care workers, vowed Children Services Minister Janice Tarchuk yesterday, over a year and a half since a toddler was slain in an Edmonton foster home.

The province unveiled the new plans yesterday after an expert panel released a report calling for changes to Alberta's foster care system, including plans to make new foster parents undergo a six-month probation period.

Tarchuk ordered the report after a three-year-old boy died in January 2007. A foster mother is charged in the boy's death.



Tarchuk

While all of the panel's eight recommendations will be adopted, Tarchuk wouldn't comment what recommendations are related to the case since it is currently before the courts.

"The challenge is always to protect the privacy of the family and the children that we serve, and balance that with being as open and accountable with the public as we

can," said Tarchuk.

The number of foster parents in Alberta has dropped by half since 2004 because of Alberta's aging population, says Tarchuk, who also announced plans to spend over \$1.2 million in a two-year ad campaign aimed at getting more people to think about foster parenting.

The new changes in the system, however, shouldn't scare off would-be foster parents, said Tarchuk.

numbers

» There are 2,300 foster parents in Alberta who are taking care of 4,600 children and teens, said Tarchuk.

"If someone is serious about wanting to be a foster parent, they would not have any difficulty with any of these recommendations," said Tarchuk.

Critics of the new changes, including NDP MLA Rachel

Notley, say training that is currently provided to foster parents is unacceptable and staff numbers need to be increased in every level of the system.

"If you look at the list of things they now have to do, with all the new forms they have to fill out, all the new assessments they have to do, what that says to me is that we need to significantly increase their resources," said Notley.

Man in critical condition after shooting

By **JEFF CUMMINGS**
Metro Edmonton

A man who looked like he was shot a number of times stumbled into the back of a Chinatown restaurant early yesterday where he left a pool of blood, police said.

The man, believed to be in his 20s, was rushed to Royal Alexandra Hospital shortly after 2:30 a.m. where he was listed in critical condition last

night.

"He was in a confused state of mind and the staff here really had nothing to do with (the man)," said an employee from the Happy Family Restaurant where the man was found.

Police blocked off an area where it is believed the victim was shot in front of the restaurant on 106 Avenue and 100 Street.

A number of shell casings were littered on the sidewalk

and a bullet hole was seen on a shattered and cracked glass door in the front of the Garden Bakery next door.

Karen Carlson, a police spokeswoman, says the gang unit has been called in to the case and investigators believe the shooting wasn't random.

The victim is known to police, Carlson confirmed.

No one is in custody and police are still continuing their investigation.

This isn't the first time violence has been seen in the area as 32-year-old Wing Fung was stabbed to death after a fight inside the Garden Bakery back in December.

Kenneth Ian Lundy, 26, was charged with second degree murder in the city's 33rd homicide case last year. The accused killer's next appearance is in a Court of Queen's Bench courtroom Friday for an arraignment.



Police forensics officers place evidence markers yesterday and photograph the scene of a shooting near 100 Street and 106 Avenue outside the All Happy Family Restaurant.

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Which bus to take?

Transit manager wants to scrap aging trolleys

By JEFF CUMMINGS and ERIC BOWLING
Metro Edmonton

In what has become a continuing theme, the manager of Edmonton's transit system yesterday told a news briefing that keeping trolley buses in its transit fleet is too expensive and is much more harmful to the environment compared to running hybrid diesel buses, says the city's manager for Edmonton Transit.

"I think we are changing with the times ... and we have to develop our transit systems to make it effective and efficient," said Edmonton Transit Manager Charles

Stolte during a news briefing yesterday morning.

Thirty minutes later, a public hearing at city hall heard a long string of 27 speakers voicing their opinions on whether or not the city should scrap its aging trolleys.

"For land transport, what you have to do is electrify, electrify and electrify as quickly as possible,"

said Richard Gilbert, a consultant on urban issues.

"I live in Toronto, I've lived there for 40 years and one of the big regrets now is that Toronto gave up its trolley bus system in 1992. It's been described ... as the worst decision the Toronto

Transit Corporation has ever made."

David Checkel, a mechanical engineering professor with the University of Alberta, said Edmonton cofers will be down \$100 million extra just to maintain the current trolley system over the next 20 years.

"They cost more to maintain and they cost more to operate," said Checkel after releasing a report in the briefing.

"The trolleys, of course, have no emissions at the street level, but have higher emissions at the power plant ... so overall the lowest green house (gas emitter)

is the hybrid buses."

Coun. Amarjeet Sohi, a former bus driver, says the city's old trolleys needs to be replaced, but admitted he still has to decide whether or not the entire trolley system should be scrapped to make way for hybrid buses.

"I always hated driving a trolley bus," said Sohi. "It's a very difficult vehicle to drive ... and the wire system is very difficult to manage."

The city has currently preserved 24 of the trolleys as historical buses and if council approves the idea to scrap the old buses, some could be sent to Vancouver — which still maintains a fleet of trolleys — for its 2010 Winter Olympic Games, said Stolte.

City council is expected to make a decision next Wednesday.

«I always hated driving a trolley bus. It's a very difficult vehicle to drive ... and the wire system is very difficult to manage.»

Coun. Amarjeet Sohi

Serial arsonist hits west side again

By VICTORIA HANDYSIDES
Metro Edmonton

Edmonton's serial arsonist has struck again, attempting to set the west end ablaze for the 11th time.

Two dumpsters within five blocks of each other near Stony Plain Road were targeted around midnight Monday.

To date, 11 intentional fires have been set in the west end, and six fires have been set in the north end of the city.

Though a man was arrested in connection with four of the fires, Police Chief Mike Boyd recently set up a task force to catch the person or people that are trying to set the city on fire.

Police officials said yesterday that those responsible are lighting existing debris in and around buildings, like dump-

sters and baby carriages.

"Police definitely want people to be aware of what's going on around their home and property and if there are any suspicious persons, to call police," said Edmonton Police Services Spokeswoman Patricia Chalupczynska.

Boyd said recently that police do suspect that the persons involved have a particular motive for setting the fires and that they are investigating a number of suspects who have a criminal background including arson.

The task force met yesterday afternoon to discuss further steps that can be taken in the investigation.

For now, all city residents are being asked to remain on high alert, especially those that keep odd hours.

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Graduation Governor General greetings



Gov.-Gen. Michaëlle Jean was at University of Alberta convocation yesterday at the Jubilee Auditorium morning to receive her honorary doctorate of laws, and congratulated graduates receiving their bachelor of commerce degrees.

Health Minister shrugs off any blame

Don't blame me, Health Minister Ron Liepert said yesterday after three of Alberta's top public health physicians announced plans this week to call it quits.

"I had nothing to do with it, nothing to do with it," Liepert told media at the Legislature.

Liepert says the three doctors, including the province's top physician in infectious

disease control, are leaving for better paying jobs elsewhere and it has nothing to do with his leadership or changes to the province's health care system. One of the departing doctors told CTV news yesterday that Liepert was wrong.

"Money had nothing to do with it," said infectious disease control physician, Dr. Ameet Singh. "It's a combina-

tion of things," she added without pinning down the reason for her departure.

Liepert claimed that since medical officers are in high demand, they can demand increases in pay the province can't match.

"All I'm saying is we could not match the opportunities that presented themselves elsewhere," said Liepert.

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Hillier to become Democracy chair

Retiring general given honorary position

By **ROBYN YOUNG**
 Metro Halifax

Democracy 250 has a brand-new public face: General Rick Hillier.

Former Nova Scotia premier and Democracy 250 co-chair John Hamm announced yesterday Canada's chief of defence staff will be the honorary national chair of the committee.

"When General Hillier speaks, Canadians listen," Hamm told reporters at Province House.

The former premier convinced Hillier, who is retiring as chief of defence in July, to join the team be-

cause of his long-standing commitment to democracy in Canada and abroad.

Hillier said he accepted the position for three reasons: Canadian Forces members like himself work toward democracy every day; the Democracy 250 committee has made a point of highlighting the service of the men and women of the

Canadian Forces; and finally, he felt the need to give back to Nova Scotia.

"In Canada, sometimes we're complacent about the values and privileges we have," he said.

He said his mission as honorary chair of the committee will be to educate Canadians about the importance of democracy.



Hillier



Members of the public will be able to see Paul Bernardo, left, and his 31-minute jailhouse interview with police, in which he denies killing Elizabeth Bain, on TV and media websites, a judge ruled yesterday.

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RCMP knew of Couillard

Were familiar with Bernier's ex before affair became public



tangled web

» Quebec's Public Works Minister Michael Fortier dismissed senior Quebec adviser Bernard Côté yesterday after it emerged Côté had a romantic relationship with Julie Couillard last year.

The Mounties have confirmed they knew about Julie Couillard before her bombshell relationship with Maxime Bernier hit the headlines.

Deputy Commissioner Raf Souccar revealed yesterday that Couillard, who has past ties to biker gangs, was no stranger to the force.

"I am familiar with this

matter. I am familiar with Ms. Couillard. However, it would be inappropriate for me to be talking about a specific case," he told the Commons public safety committee.

Asked point-blank whether Couillard was known to the RCMP before she hit the spot-

light last August as Bernier's girlfriend, Souccar replied, "Yes, she was."

Bernier lost his cabinet post just over two weeks ago after Couillard revealed to a French-language television news show that he had left sensitive government papers at her house for more than

five weeks. The Commons committee yesterday launched hearings into Bernier's security slip. But opposition MPs seemed frustrated when Souccar and assistant commissioner Bob Paulson refused to say whether the force had warned government about any potential problems or whether there's an ongoing probe. Couillard has been invited to testify and may early next week.

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Harper Warming relations with Chile



CHRISTOPHER WATKINS

Prime Minister Stephen Harper, right, kisses Chile's President Michelle Bachelet during a luncheon in Ottawa yesterday. The two leaders signed a memorandum of understanding Monday to bolster relations between the two countries

Claims disputed ahead of today's official apology

As the prime minister gets set to apologize today for decades of abuse in native residential schools, thousands of former students say they're still owed compensation.

More than 10,000 people have asked for official reviews after they received less cash than claimed or were rejected under a court-monitored program that has paid out \$1.3 billion.

About 250 former students, church officials and other guests have been invited to Parliament Hill to witness Stephen Harper's historic statement on behalf of all Canadians. A total of 93,000 applications have been received for payment of \$10,000 for the first year spent in the schools, and \$3,000 for each subsequent year.

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Calls mount for Khadr's return

A Commons subcommittee has called on the federal government to immediately seek the return of Guantanamo detainee Omar Khadr for rehabilitation as a child soldier with strict curbs on his freedom if necessary, and for trial in Canada if evidence warrants.

Over stiff opposition from Conservative MPs, the international human rights subcommittee endorsed a report containing seven recommendations that would unshackle Khadr from U.S.

custody, and turn him over to Canadian law enforcement.

It declares a firm belief that Khadr, aged 15 at the time he was wounded and captured in a deadly gunfight in Afghanistan, is a child soldier and should not be treated as an adult accused.

The report adds to a growing chorus of calls for the Harper Conservatives to finally weigh in on the American military prosecution of Khadr.

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\$600M added to Afghan aid

New plan involves building dam, Kandahar schools

The military expects new insurgent attacks focused on three major aid projects it plans to complete before leaving Kandahar in 2011.

The projects are the centerpiece of an aid plan that will increase Canada's total assistance to Afghanistan by about \$600 million.

The strategy involves the

announcement

» Yesterday's announcement of the new aid package is the long-awaited response to a January report that recommended extending — but overhauling — Canada's work in Afghanistan.

military playing a supporting role in efforts to refurbish one of Kandahar's main irrigation dams; build, repair or expand 50 schools in the province; and vaccinate 350,000 Kandahar children under the age of 5 against polio.

The report provided the common ground for Conservatives and Liberals to agree to stay in Kandahar to 2011. One of the key recommendations was to make efforts more Kandahar-specific, projects.

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» **INUIT** Twenty schools in Newfoundland and Labrador have had their requests to be included in the Indian Residential Schools Settlement Agreement denied, based on technicalities of who ran the schools and what length of time they were operated and people attended.

» **MONTREAL** A violent storm overturned seven trucks on the Champlain bridge in Montreal yesterday after a severe thunderstorm warning was issued for the area. One person suffered minor injuries.

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world



Spain will open a telephone helpline for men who feel tempted to physically attack their wives or partners and need to "channel their aggression," the government said.

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A study in contrasts

Potential first ladies differ in many respects

Michelle Obama and Cindy McCain share a dislike of rough-edged U.S. politics. Each tried to talk her spouse out of running for the White House.

Obama, wife of Democratic candidate Barack Obama, and McCain, who is married to Republican John McCain, are both known for an elegant sense of style, lending glamour to their husbands' campaigns.

But the aspiring first ladies have plenty of differences.

Obama, 44, is a Princeton- and Harvard-educated lawyer raised by blue-collar parents on the working-class South Side of Chicago.

Until recently, she juggled a job as a hospital executive with raising two young daughters and lending sup-



Michelle Obama



Cindy McCain

port to her 46-year-old husband's political aspirations.

The strong-minded Obama exudes confidence and is an accomplished public speaker. But her penchant for outspokenness has also drawn some criticism.

McCain, 54, the Arizona

senator's second wife, is reserved and seems far less comfortable in the limelight when she campaigns with her husband, who is 18 years her senior.

The blond, blue-eyed McCain is a former rodeo queen and cheerleader who holds a

master's degree in special education from the University of Southern California.

She grew up in a wealthy family in Phoenix and is heiress to Hensley & Co, one of the largest U.S. distributors for brewing giant Anheuser-Busch.

patriot games

» In one comment seized upon by conservative Internet bloggers, Michelle Obama remarked, "For the first time in my adult life, I am proud of my country." That led critics to accuse her of being unpatriotic, saying that her comment made it appear she had not been proud of her country before her husband ran for president.

» A day later, Cindy McCain told a campaign rally, "I am proud of my country. I don't know about you, if you heard those words earlier — I am very proud of my country."

Last month, she released a tax return showing she made about \$6 million in 2006. McCain has raised four children, including a daughter, Bridget, 16, whom she adopted from Mother Teresa's orphanage in Bangladesh.

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Eldest incest child wakes from coma

CASE The eldest daughter from an incestuous relationship between Austrian Josef Fritzl and his daughter, whom he kept locked in a cellar for 24 years, has been revived from an artificial coma, hospital sources said yesterday.

Doctors put her into an artificial coma after she suffered from cramping fits due to oxygen deficiency and kidney problems and was brought from the cellar to hospital by Fritzl.

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Don't ruin Games, Dalai Lama told

OLYMPICS China yesterday called on the Dalai Lama and his supporters to halt Tibet protests and attempts to "ruin the Olympics," in order to create the conditions for future roundtable talks.

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An image taken from video footage shows a Sudan Airways plane burning on the tarmac of Khartoum airport yesterday.

Plane fire leaves 28 dead

A Sudanese airliner burst into flames after landing in Khartoum overnight in bad weather, killing at least 28 of the 217 people on board, officials said late yesterday.

Khartoum airport's head of medical services, Major-General Mohamed Osman Mahjoub, said authorities had so far established there were 123 survivors but 66 people were unaccounted for. The plane's emergency chutes enabled the survivors to escape.

explosion

» Mabrouk Mubarak Salim, minister of State for Transport, said there was an explosion in the right side of the engine. "So far we don't have precise information but we think the weather is a main reason for what happened."

Twenty-eight bodies had been taken to a nearby mortuary, said Mahjoub, adding that some of the 66 people unaccounted for might have

survived and left the airport during the confusion after the plane fire broke out last night. The nationalities of the dead were not immediately known.

The Sudan Airways plane, identified by Sudanese television only as an Airbus without any model details, was carrying 203 passengers and 14 crew on a flight from Jordan's capital Amman.

A dust storm and heavy rain had hit the airport yesterday, officials said.

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» **ICE** If Arctic sea ice starts melting fast, polar bears and ring seals wouldn't be the only creatures to feel it. A study released yesterday suggests it could spur warmer temperatures hundreds of kilometres inland. That means a possible thaw in the long-frozen soil known as permafrost, which in turn could have severe effects on ecosystems, human infrastructure like oil rigs and pipelines, and the release of more global warming greenhouse gases in Russia, Alaska and Canada, the scientists said.


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Bank keeps rates same

Market bet on quarter-point cut



transparency

» The bank prides itself on transparency in setting monetary policy. A loss of credibility could create uncertainty in financial markets and lead consumers to doubt the bank's ability to attain its goal of low and stable inflation.

Canadian investors are in for a period of second-guessing the Bank of Canada on monetary policy after a surprise freeze on interest rates exposed a rare disconnect between the market and policymakers.

The central bank held its overnight rate steady at 3 per cent yesterday due to inflation concerns. The market had placed its bets on a quarter-point cut, based on dovish

signals from the bank's governing council that were later reinforced by an unexpected economic contraction in the first quarter.

It is highly unusual for markets to misread the bank's thinking so completely.

"I do not remember an

episode when the market was so completely wrong," said Doug Porter, deputy chief economist at BMO Capital Markets. The bank said in April it would likely cut it overnight rate further, after lopping off 150 basis points since December, but left the timing vague.

Porter and others acknowledge that, while the unpredictability may coincide with the new leadership of Governor Mark Carney, the more likely explanation is the need to be flexible in the face of fast-changing events in the world economy and in financial markets.

Carney, who vowed to improve transparency at the bank shortly after taking office in February, is simply paying heed to the very sudden threat from soaring oil prices, analysts said. **REUTERS**

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» **SEARCH** Law enforcement officials are searching for a former hedge fund manager who cheated investors out of more than \$400 million US, after finding his car on a New York bridge. Police suspect that Samuel Israel III might have killed himself to avoid a 20-year prison sentence after he failed to turn himself in and his abandoned vehicle was found on the Bear Mountain Bridge which crosses the Hudson River at its deepest point. The words "Suicide is Painless" were etched onto the vehicle. However, a search for a body found nothing. **REUTERS**

U.S. reviewing oil, commodities prices

U.S. regulators stepped up their efforts yesterday to determine why prices for oil and a range of other commodities have surged dramatically this year.

The Commodity Futures Trading Commission announced that an interagency panel, including the Federal Reserve, Treasury Department and others, will assess price increases and trading in a range of commodities.

on the panel

» Other regulators on the new panel include the Securities and Exchange Commission and officials from the Energy and Agriculture Departments.

At a meeting with top Wall Street energy market players, a CFTC official said the government must investigate the run-up in oil prices. **REUTERS**

takeover bid

Precision offers to buy Grey Wolf

DRILLER Precision Drilling Trust said yesterday it has made an unsolicited \$9 a share bid, worth about \$1.6 billion in total, for contract oil driller Grey Wolf Inc. in order to boost its U.S. presence. Kevin Neveu, chief executive of Canada's biggest drilling firm said Grey Wolf, which has a fleet of 121 rigs, offered "a significant U.S. footprint." **REUTERS**

Fosters Group CEO quits



A man walks out of the Fosters Group head office in Melbourne, Australia, yesterday. The brewer's chief executive resigned as the company cut its profit forecasts and began a review of its wine business whose expansion he had overseen.

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Molson's new CEO looks to expand

Peter Swinburn, named to the top job at Molson Coors Brewing Co yesterday, said he plans to expand the brewer, which is already strengthened by a merger and a joint venture.

Swinburn, a Welshman who is currently the chief executive of Coors Brewing Co, said in an interview that once he takes over, the maker of Coors Light and Molson Canadian will continue doing what it has been doing — building its brands and in-

vesting in its core markets of Canada, the United States and Britain.

But with one major difference: Molson is joining its U.S. business with that of

SABMiller PLC in a joint venture in which Molson will have a 42 per cent stake — a move Swinburn hopes will give the company more

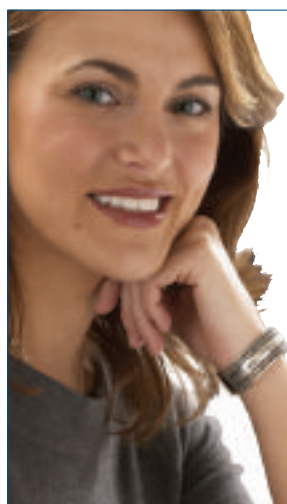
clout to expand globally. The deal is expected to be formally completed by the end of the month. **REUTERS**

background

» Molson Coors was formed by the 2005 merger of Adolph Coors Co with Canada's Molson Inc, while SABMiller was formed in 2002 when South African Breweries bought Miller Brewing.

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sports



The Los Angeles Kings yesterday fired Marc Crawford, left, after only two seasons as head coach. Crawford posted two subpar seasons at the Kings' helm, going 59-84-21 over 164 games. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Spain reigns over Russia

Sweden cruises past defending champions

EURO2008

Spain striker David Villa suggested that his country could put a 44-year record of under-achievement on the big soccer stage finally behind them when he lit up Day 4 of Euro 2008 yesterday.

Villa, who found the ideal partner in Fernando Torres, grabbed the first hat-trick of the tournament in dispatching Russia 4-1 in Group D in Innsbruck. Cesc Fabregas scored the other Spanish goal.

"I'm very pleased about the way things went, but especially for the three points we've now got under our belts," the 26-year-old striker told reporters. "We all said it was vital to start with a win and we did just that. I'm also happy for the goals, but that's the job I have to do."

In yesterday's other game, Euro 2004 champs Greece succumbed 2-0 to Sweden in a dull match that only came to life 67 minutes in when Zlatan Ibrahimovic broke the ice. Petter Hansson added the second goal five minutes later to put the game out of reach.

REUTERS



David Villa of Spain celebrates after scoring his second goal against Russia yesterday during Group D play at Euro 2008 in Innsbruck, Austria. Villa earned a hat trick in a 4-1 win.

CFL cheerleader feeling the heat

Players constantly jump from team to team as free agents. But cheerleaders?

Asha Tomlinson, 29, may have started something of a trend, at least in the CFL. A former cheerleader for the Toronto Argonauts, Tomlinson is the newest member of the Edmonton Eskimos' cheerleading squad. Interestingly, she also is a reporter and host for Citytv's Breakfast Television in Edmonton.

A five-foot, 125-pounder, Tomlinson is a Toronto native. She admits she's feeling the same type of heat that players do when they bolt.

"My friends in Toronto have a problem with (her cheering for the Eskos)," she said. "They're like, 'What are you doing? Eskimos? Where's your loyalty?' But I'm an Edmontonian now."

Check out Asha at www.citytv.com/edmonton/personalities_7472.aspx.

» So some TV station in Britain actually conducted a survey to determine which country in the Euro Cup 2008 competition has the best-looking fans.

Results: Sweden won with 33 per cent, followed by Italy (14 per cent), Spain (eight) and the Netherlands (six). Zilch for Germany, Romania and Turkey.

» New Maple Leafs coach Ron Wilson made it clear at his introductory media conference yesterday that his team will be in transition.



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Translation: Don't expect the Leafs to make the playoffs in 2008-09 and don't criticize the coach for inheriting a dog of a team.

And why would Wilson mention at the conference that he was born in the same Windsor hospital as Richard Peddie? The Leafs' front-office chief isn't exactly Mr. Popular in Toronto these days, is he?

» Big names are swirling in baseball's trade winds.

Power hitters Magglio Ordonez and Adam Dunn are being dangled by the Detroit Tigers and Cincinnati Reds, respectively. One could join the Boston Red Sox, who may need to replace David Ortiz (wrist injury).

Also, Erik Bedard can be had and the Seattle Mariners are listening to offers for the Ontario-born pitcher. The Philadelphia Phillies have offered a pack of prospects. The Blue Jays have mild interest.

Don't be surprised, incidentally, if Seattle fires manager John McLaren tomorrow.

Marty York has been a groundbreaking sports columnist and broadcaster in Canada for decades.

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NBA

NBA FINALS

BOSTON VS. L.A. LAKERS

Game 3 — Last night

L.A. Lakers 87 Boston 81

Game 4 — Tomorrow

Boston at L.A. Lakers, 7

Game 5 — Sunday

*Boston at L.A. Lakers, 7

Game 6 — Tuesday

*L.A. Lakers at Boston, 7

Game 7 — Thursday, June 19

*L.A. Lakers at Boston, 7

(Boston leads series 2-1)

(* — if necessary)

MLB

LAST NIGHT'S RESULTS

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Baltimore 10 Boston 6

Cleveland 1 Minnesota 0

Detroit 6 Chicago White Sox 4

Toronto 3 Seattle 1

Texas 6 Kansas City 5

N.Y. Yankees at Oakland

Tampa Bay at L.A. Angels

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Florida 5 Philadelphia 4

St. Louis 7 Cincinnati 2

Washington 7 Pittsburgh 6

Houston 6 Milwaukee 1

EURO 2008

GROUP A

W L T GF GA PT

Portugal 1 0 0 2 0 3

Czech Rep. 1 0 0 1 0 3

Switzerland 0 1 0 1 0 1

Turkey 0 1 0 2 0 0

GROUP B

W L T GF GA PT

Spain 1 0 0 4 1 3

Sweden 1 0 0 2 0 3

Greece 0 1 0 0 2 0

Russia 0 1 0 1 4 0

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Spain 4 Russia 1

Sweden 2 Greece 0

TODAY'S GAMES

Czech Republic vs. Portugal, 10

Switzerland vs. Turkey, 12:45

BASEBALL

GOLDEN BASEBALL LEAGUE

GAMES FEATURING THE

EDMONTON CRACKER CATS:

LAST NIGHT'S RESULT

Chico at EDMONTON (ppd, rain)

TONIGHT'S GAME

Chico at EDMONTON, 7

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Germany 1 0 0 2 0 3

Croatia 1 0 0 1 0 3

Austria 0 1 0 0 1 0

Poland 0 1 0 0 2 0

GROUP C

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Netherlands 1 0 0 3 0 3

France 0 0 1 0 0 1

Romania 0 0 1 0 0 1

Italy 0 1 0 0 3 0

GROUP D

W L T GF GA PT

Spain 1 0 0 4 1 3

Sweden 1 0 0 2 0 3

Greece 0 1 0 0 2 0

Russia 0 1 0 1 4 0

» sports In Brief

» **NBA** The Los Angeles Lakers battled their way back into the title hunt by defeating the Boston Celtics 87-81 last night, trimming their NBA Finals series deficit to 2-1. Kobe Bryant led the way for L.A., scoring 36 points. Game 4 of the best-of-seven series is scheduled for Thursday in Los Angeles.



Wilson

» **NHL** The Toronto Maple Leafs named Ron Wilson their new head coach yesterday. Wilson was fired by the San Jose Sharks following their elimination in the second round of this spring's playoffs. He spent

four-plus seasons in San Jose and has also coached Washington and Anaheim during a 14-year tenure.

» **NHL** The Anaheim Ducks traded defenceman Marc-Andre Bergeron to the Minnesota Wild yesterday in exchange for a third-round pick in the upcoming NHL entry draft.

» **CFL** Two-time Grey Cup champion and longtime Winnipeg Blue Bombers linebacker Tyrone Jones passed away yesterday after battling brain cancer since August 2005. He was 46.

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Toyota's perfect combo

Matrix mixes economy, sport and utility

By B. MCLAUCHLAN
for Metro Edmonton

Toyota used an ultra-hip specialty car show when it debuted its new Matrix five-door to instill it with an instant "cool" credibility. That move might have come about because the average buyer of the last Matrix was over 50 ... and Toyota wants to skew that demographic more towards the lucrative youth market.

Built in California alongside its Pontiac Vibe mechanical twin — and also in Cambridge, Ont. — the Matrix wagon blends the "affordability of a subcompact sedan and functionality of an SUV with the style, image and performance of a sports car."

Wider and lower, this edgy-looking second-generation Matrix shares its engine lineup with its GM cousin, starting with a fuel-conscious 1.8-litre four-cylinder engine producing



Matrix blends the affordability of a subcompact sedan and functionality of an SUV with the style and performance of a sports car.

132 horsepower. Toyota, however, uses its own variable valve timing system to maximize engine performance and fuel economy.

For those craving a bit more grunt, the Matrix also offers a

158 hp, 2.4-litre "four."

Pricewise there's something for every budget, starting at a low-low base price of \$15,705 for the base front-wheel-drive model with manual transmission. Standard is a four-speaker AM/FM/CD/MP3 sound system with auxiliary input jack, rear-seat heater ducts and side window defoggers, 60/40-split fold down rear seat, rev counter, outside temp gauge, digital clock, dual vanity mirrors, tilt-telescopic steering wheel, tonneau cover, cargo-area lighting, lots of storage, an engine immobilizer and foldable power-heated side mirrors. A \$2,540 B Package adds air conditioning, keyless entry, power windows and locks, rear bumper protector and a tire pressure monitoring system.

The \$3,965 Touring Package brings the "B" items plus 16-inch alloy wheels, cruise control, a rear spoiler, scuff plates and fog lamps. All of which still allows the Matrix to list at under 20 grand with a five-speed manual. The automatic



Lots of storage, cargo area lighting, tilt-telescopic steering wheel and foldable power-heated side mirrors are some of the features that come standard with the new Toyota Matrix.

is an additional \$1,010.

Moving up the \$19,180 Matrix XR, its bigger 2.4-litre engine offers a significant power boost. A great decision was to bring back the all-wheel-drive Matrix, equipped with the 2.4 engine and only available with the four-speed automatic at \$22,330.

It's a base Matrix, plus keyless entry and hatch release, an upgraded lighting system, variable-speed wipers, tire pressure monitoring, power locks and climate control. An all-wheel-drive XR will set you back \$24,945 with the Sport package going for

2009 Toyota Matrix	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Type: Compact 5-pass. wagon FWD • Price: \$15,705 - \$26,855 • Engine: 1.8L L4 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DOHC/2.4L L4 DOHC • HP: 132 @ 6,000 rpm/158 @ 6,000 rpm • Torque: 128 @ 4,400 rpm/162 @ 4,000 rpm
Highlights:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lots of choices • Better looks 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Return of all-wheel-drive availability

\$26,855.

Any way you look at it, the Matrix is just about all the vehicle you'll ever need and, with its combination of styl-

ish design, good options and aggressive pricing, it's a lot more versatile, sporty and fun-to-drive than similarly priced small sedans.

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The new Journey is Dodge's answer to that increasingly popular entry-level "crossover" segment.

Worth the trip

Dodge Journey maps new territory

By B. MCLAUCHLAN
for Metro Edmonton

The new Journey is Dodge's answer to that increasingly popular entry-level "crossover" segment. Aimed straight at the Toyota RAV4, Hyundai Santa Fe, Kia Rondo, Mazda5 and others, the Journey gives Dodge a decent shot at respectability in a market sector virtually dominated by Asian nameplates.

The Journey is based on Dodge's proven Avenger platform, although the wheelbase has been stretched 124 mm to accommodate an optional third-row seat. It sits a little higher, too, but the overall length has only grown by 43 mm, meaning a reasonably compact size that's good for congested urban roads. All models get independent suspension and disc brakes on all four wheels.

There are four versions to choose from, all well equipped: the Journey SE CVP (Canada Value Package) at \$19,995; Journey SE Plus which starts at \$20,995; the \$24,995 Journey SXT; and the range-topping R/T model at \$27,995.

Both SE models get a 173 horsepower 2.4-litre four-cylinder engine while those seeking more punch in the power department will likely go for the 235 hp 3.5-litre V6 found in the SXT and R/T trim.

The only transmissions available are automatics: a four-speed on the SEs and a six-speed for V6-powered models.

Front-drive is standard, al-

2009 Dodge Journey

- Type: Mid-size 5-pass. CUV FWD
- Price: \$19,995 - \$27,995
- Engine: 2.4 L4 DOHC/3.5L V6 DOHC
- HP: 173 @ 6,000 rpm/235 @ 6,400 rpm
- Torque: 166 @ 4,400 rpm/232 @ 4,000 rpm

Highlights:

- Innovative interior features
- Plenty of trim and drivetrain choices
- Full line of safety features



The Dodge Journey comes with dual glove boxes equipped with Chill Zone beverage storage.

though an electronic all-wheel-drive system that can split power up to 60:40 front-to-rear is optional on the SXT and R/T.

The Journey also follows recent Dodge designs inside, with storage bins in the second-row floor wells, under the passenger seat and, of course, the dual glove boxes with the Chill Zone beverage storage. Rear cargo room is generous as well.

The optional third-row seat, unlike many of its competitors, is available across the line as a \$1,175 option, bringing with it air conditioning.

Behind the steering wheel, the forward-angled dash gives a better sense of space, while large windows and a

fairly low beltline provide plenty of visibility.

Our Journey R/T kept the cabin nicely isolated from most pavement imperfections and only a little wind noise around the windshield pillars made it past the triple-door seals.

It handled well too, although a bit more steering feel would be welcome. The brakes are solid, if not the most aggressive in their response.

It looks like Dodge might have a legitimate hit on its hands. It may not be as much fun to drive as some in the "crossover" class, but at each of its price points it is better equipped than many of its rivals.

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Lima more than just a stopover

Capital is a mix of surf, seafood and tons of history

Long considered just a stopover on the way to the famous Inca ruins at Machu Picchu, Lima has emerged as a destination spot of its own in recent years. Here's how to get the most from a weekend visit in the Peruvian capital:

friday

4 P.M. No time to lose. Get in touch with Lima's humble roots by going to the market in Chorrillos, where you can buy fish fresh off the boat. Meander around the wharf, which looks delightfully out of place in the middle of a major city.

6 P.M. Grab a coffee at Cafe Haiti (160 Avenida Diagonal, Miraflores), a cool cafe that overlooks Kennedy Park, smack in the centre of Miraflores madness. People watch as you sip your drink and ponder the cafe's slogan, printed on purple coasters: "Business and Love." Wander the side streets to look for little houses pulled straight from the nostalgic novels of Mario Vargas Llosa.

8 P.M. Take advantage of Lima's gastronomic renaissance by dining at one of the city's finest restaurants — Cala, a sophisticated seaside joint with great views of the water. It's sleek, trendy, but not in-your-face about its coolness. The menu is contemporary, specializing in seafood and fish.

saturday

9 A.M. Rise and shine. For breakfast, pop into Las Delicias juice bar and order a drink made from one of the exotic, tropical fruits typical of the region (across the street from La Mar 770, Miraflores). Granadilla and lucuma, which locals say only grows in Peru, are classics.

11 A.M. Grab a taxi and head downtown. Get out at Plaza Mayor and watch the changing of the guard, a bizarrely formal affair with marching toy-like soldiers. Push past the requisite horde of tennis-shoed tourists and pop your head in at the Cathedral of Lima, where Spanish conqueror Francisco Pizarro is said to have laid the first stone.

1 P.M. Walk to the San Francisco Church, known for its catacombs. Take a tour to go underground and see the dry bones and skulls of some 70,000 people, arranged in artistic circles.

3 P.M. Head to the Museum of the Inquisition to learn about torture techniques. Waterboarding, which has come under recent attack in the United States, was a common practice at the time, especially for women, as it was considered a "kinder" way to extract information. The wax-like, human-size models leave little to the imagination.

5 P.M. Time to relax. Head to Hotel Bolivar, the elegant, blue-velvet hotel that reigns over Plaza San



The fountain in front of the cathedral in Lima.

Martin. Try Peru's national drink — the pisco sour, a frothy, egg, brandy concoction that packs a serious punch, but goes down smooth.

8 P.M. For dinner, head to Astrid y Gaston, the flagship restaurant of Chef Gaston Acurio. The food is excellent and Gaston is famous for turning foodies onto the gamut of Peruvian cuisine.

11 P.M. Go dancing! Head to El Dragon, a hip fusion club that attracts a young crowd. Or, slide on your fancy shoes and go to Gotica, an upscale club in LarcoMar, the seaside mall in Miraflores.

sunday

6 A.M. Surf's up! If you are an energetic early bird, stroll down the cobblestone walkway of the Bajada Balta to the beach. Rent a surfboard and wetsuit to insulate yourself from the chilly Pacific Ocean. Brave the consistently good waves that offer some of the best surfing of any big city. Ignore the people who say the water is polluted.

10 A.M. Late risers can greet the morning by going for a leisurely walk along the ocean-front parks in Miraflores, perched atop steep cliffs.

Alternatively, if you want a truly bird's-eye view, hop on a paragliding tandem flight. Pass through "Love Park" where couples of all ages gather to cuddle and coo like teenagers.

NOON Political buffs should hop over to the National Museum to check out the display on the Maoist Shining Path guerrillas who destabilized the country in the 1980s and 1990s before the rise of the autocratic President Alberto Fujimori, who now stands trial on charges of human rights abuses.

1 P.M. A trip to Peru is not complete without trying ceviche, a classic seafood dish, originally eaten by the Incans, served with a spicy citrus sauce that both gives the fish flavour and "cooks" it. Try the unassuming but tasty Punto Azul (Benavides 2711, Miraflores).

2 P.M. Time to shop. Head to the arts and crafts market in Miraflores to burn whatever might be left of your soles, Peru's currency. Spend time poking around the maze of small stalls to find the handicrafts you want to take home.

4 P.M. Though you might not have time to visit the Inca ruins at Machu Picchu in southwest Peru or any of the other archeological wonders that line the coast, the ruins at Huaca Pucllana are just a stones throw from downtown Lima. Explore ongoing excavations and the zoo. Finally, relax and take in the sunset with your cocktail at the striking on-site restaurant. REUTERS



The Pacific Yellowfin, which has been through the Second World War and the Bay of Pigs, now carries high-rolling clientele through the Gulf Islands.

High-rolling on the high seas

At \$55,000 a week, a luxury yacht cruise through British Columbia's Gulf Islands isn't for the fiscally challenged. The Pacific Yellowfin draws a clientele of high-rollers who don't mind dropping some coin on a pimped-out holiday.

A week on this cruise costs more than I make in a year, yet there I was embracing first-class living on

this two-night, three-day expedition.

The Pacific Yellowfin is a classic wooden ship, with a history as diverse as Forrest Gump's. Through the years she's been a Second World War coastal freighter, a tuna research vessel and a houseboat that accommodated a hippie commune of flower power. She's searched for Che Guevara

and was involved in the Bay of Pigs.

Today the Pacific Yellowfin is owned by Captain Colin Griffinson, an Irishman who renovated and converted it into a luxury charter yacht — a 114 footer that sleeps eight.

For those who dig boats, a trip to the engine room is yacht porn. Chief Engineer Jack Dixon, 71, showed me the slow turning engines built in 1939 and the reserve tanks containing 18,000 gallons of diesel.

We anchored at Lyall Harbour and toured the inlets. The Gulf Islands are home to orca whales, har-



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» Exposure, a Vancouver-based tour operator specializing in luxury travel, offers the "Gulf Island Gourmet," a three-day expedition aboard the Pacific Yellowfin.

» For more information visit www.exposure.travel.

bour seals and Steller sea lions. With this calibre of animal viewing, it's hard to imagine that I was only a 20-minute seaplane flight away from downtown Vancouver.

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Country singing star Taylor Swift, left, will reportedly make a cameo appearance in *Hannah Montana: The Movie*.

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Seven Wonders

Egoyan explores love, tech in film



Egoyan

MOVIES

Writer-director Atom Egoyan will blend reality and fantasy in

his next film, the love triangle *Seven Wonders*.

The project centres on a woman named Pandora who, after her own relationship goes south, becomes consumed by a relationship between a commercials director and the director's boyfriend, even following the helmer as she shoots commercials at the *Seven Wonders of the World*. **REUTERS**

material girl

Madonna gives up acting career



Madonna

MOVIES

Madonna has vowed never to act again — because she would prefer to establish herself in Hollywood as a filmmaker, *imdb.com* reports.

The star has had lead roles in films such as *Desperately Seeking Susan*, *Dick Tracy* and *Evita*, for which she won a Best Actress Golden Globe in 1997. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Summer of the anti-hero

Flawed characters on big screen find more popularity

By STEVE GOW
for Metro Edmonton

In the upcoming *Incredible Hulk* movie, Edward Norton utters a phrase that perhaps best epitomizes the big-screen superhero: "When I lose control, it's very dangerous to be around me."

No kidding! Anyone who unwittingly turns into a rampaging green monster when they're ticked off is definitely somebody I'd rather not sit across from at the euchre table. But, as a superhero, shouldn't we admire The Hulk's feats and noble qualities instead of fear him?

Well, not necessarily. When a character is reluctant, flawed or devoid of the attributes we associate with altruistic heroism, that character is called an anti-hero and there are few better examples than *The Hulk*. Whereas traditional heroes brave danger for the sake of others, the character of Bruce Banner merely copes with the gamma-radiation accident that reluctantly turned



The Hulk, pictured here, is a classic example of a big screen anti-hero.

him into a monstrous rage.

While anti-heroes have been prevalent in cinema since the days of pulp fiction (think Sam Spade in *The Maltese Falcon*), they only continue to increase in popularity. Many critics argue that this advancing popularity is hinged on a cynical recognition that people find naturally flawed characters more believable.

This summer surely vindicates that notion. In addition to the *Incredible Hulk*, such

movies as *Wanted*, *Hellboy 2*, *Death Race* and even *Indiana Jones* are relying on the anti-heroic traits of their lead characters to attract audiences.

It began with *Iron Man*, a superhero whose alter-ego is fraught with human frailties. A loner who drinks, smokes and womanizes; by comparison, he makes Superman look like a Quaker.

Vengeance is often an attribute of anti-heroism. This summer, it's best represented with *The Dark Knight*. Not

only does that film feature the vigilante justice of Batman but it introduces an even more dubious anti-hero in Harvey Two-Face (Aaron Eckhart), a district attorney who transforms into a savage killer. Two-Face is the consummate anti-hero in that, being on the side of justice, he only kills the bad dudes — a morally complex question to be sure.

Then there is Will Smith. In his new action-comedy *Hancock*, he simply plays a hard-

drinking superhero that's described as "edgy, conflicted, sarcastic, and misunderstood"; he even seems to get jiggy by threatening little kids.

While these characteristics aren't admirable, we still empathize with anti-heroes because they represent our own flaws and thereby embody the promise that we too can overcome our frailties for the greater good. As for me, well, I'm just relieved my central frailty doesn't happen to be a bad attitude and green skin.

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Jesse McCartney takes Departure

By SANDY CAETANO
for Metro Edmonton

Following the incredible success that *Bleeding Love* — the smash single from British pop singer Leona Lewis — achieved on international

charts, Jesse McCartney is in demand.

McCartney, who collaborated with OneRepublic's Ryan Tedder to write *Bleeding Love*, says he now has many new writing opportunities to choose from.

McCartney had known about Tedder's writing abilities for a while, and so the pair decided to meet up prior to the release of OneRepublic's radio and ringtone hit *Apologize*.

McCartney says he was in

the studio working with Tedder on material for *Departure* — McCartney's latest studio album — when they came up with the tune *Bleeding Love*.

The track didn't make the cut on *Departure*, so it was temporarily put aside while the album was recorded.

Unlike his previous albums, *Departure* is just that — an effort to move on to something new and different.

"The last couple of years have been interesting, I feel like I've opened a new chapter ... got my own place now, been single for a year and a half," says McCartney about the basis for his songs. "It's honest, and I feel like the fans appreciate stuff like that ... makes for great songwriting."

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Johnny Depp, left, is Britain's favourite actor, a survey suggests. Depp beat its home-grown stars like Daniel Craig, Sir Sean Connery and Orlando Bloom to top the poll, conducted by the Cinema Advertising Association.

BBC NEWS ONLINE

Rapper Elliott plans August Block Party

Missy Elliott is eyeing an August release for her next studio album, *Block Party*, on which she's now putting the finishing touches.

The oft-delayed set, which originally was slated for May, features production from Souldiggaz, Danjahandz, Pharrell, T-Pain, Pointguard and Timbaland.

Tracks on the album include the Jazmine Sullivan-assisted *Like When You Play The Music*; the drum-heavy *Hip-Hop Don't Die*; the sensual *Milk & Cookies*, on which Elliott lightheartedly harmonizes about her capabilities in the bedroom; and *Best Best*, the set's first single.

Elliott told *Billboard* she chose the album title "because there are a lot of dance joints on there. It's one of those albums you can play out in the streets."

"This album is probably more musical and melodic than my previous ones," she said. "A lot of my albums are really hip-hop-driven, with tinges of other music genres. But this album is hip-hop, with a sort of U.K. hip-hop sound to it."

Timbaland remains one of Elliott's major collaborators. What she and the veteran producer share is "deeper than this music industry thing," Elliott said. **REUTERS**

new date for nas' new one

» **Rapper Nas' new album — an untitled project — has shifted on the release**

schedule yet again, this time moving from July 1 to July 15. **REUTERS**

So good, you may cry

By JONATHAN P. KUEHLEIN
for Metro Edmonton

Ken Imaizumi knew after all the long hours he and hundreds of others had worked on making *Metal Gear Solid 4* something special had paid off when they made a woman cry. The veteran video game producer said he knew because the woman in question was from the Japanese ratings board.

"She watches the videos for all the new games — up to 5,000 games a year — and when she watched the video of this game, and she got to the end, she cried," Imaizumi told Metro at a Konami preview event recently in San Francisco.

"She said: 'This is not just a game.'" This emotion-packed stealth/action game, the latest in a franchise that



Metal Gear Solid 4

has sold more than 20 million units over the last decade and a half, hits the streets exclusively for PlayStation 3 tomorrow and assistant producer Ryan Payton definitely agrees the creators have come up with

something special.

"It's not your normal game," Payton said. "There are so many elements, layers and layers of complexity and jokes and story. It was really an epic development experience and it's an epic

game playing experience as well."

As for what fans can expect from MGS4, the producer said, simply, the end.

"This is Solid Snake's final mission," Imaizumi noted.

"His saga is finished."

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Fox buys rights to Mosque

REACH FOR THE TOP:

There were high-fives all around at the CBC this week with the announcement that 20th Century Fox Television had bought U.S. rights for an adaptation of *Little Mosque On The Prairie*.

There had, apparently, been interest in the show south of the border for some time before Fox and Westwind Pictures announced the deal at Banff's World Television Festival, and the Canadian producer had been negotiating with Fox before the Hollywood writers' strike forced them to take a temporary break.

According to a Hollywood Reporter story, the deal doesn't preclude the original Canadian version from being aired stateside, and Westwind's Mary Darling, executive producer of the CBC version said that they were pleased with the deal.

"Fox got the creative vi-



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sion of the show, that it has to be funny while it treads sensitively on certain Muslim issues," Darling told the Hollywood Reporter.

I'm aware that Canadians — and especially Canadian media executives — are programmed to say things like this, but here's where I really start to worry. Treading sensitively might sound like a prudent course for a politician, but it's a sure recipe for bad comedy, and I'd like to hope that whoever ends up making Fox's version of *Little Mosque* — no writer has been attached to



Sitara Hewitt plays Rayyan in *Little Mosque On The Prairie*.

the show, yet — will not tread lightly, around any issues, Muslim, Christian, Buddhist, Jewish, Jain, Hindu or Zoroastrian.

I am not a fan of the CBC show, not because of its subject matter or setting, but because it's simply dire comedy, limp, lifeless, bad-dump-dump comic setup and delivery that feels dated, and manages to channel the stalest essence of three-camera, laugh-track sitcoms in a single-camera, laugh-track-free setting — an unrewarding sleight-of-hand that Canadian comedy is too fond of

replicating.

The best comedy is cruel and irreverent, and Fox, for all its many flaws (Family Guy, I'm looking at you) is aware of this irrevocable comic law. Anyone hoping to make a comedy that "treads sensitively" would have to either be a fool — or a Canadian.

This is, after all, a country that's made itself an international laughing stock in the last few months with a series of Star Chamber trials convened by national and provincial Human Rights Commissions aiming to proscribe free speech and freedom of the press, in the interest of making sure we all "tread sensitively."

Canadians like to flatter themselves that we're a funny people; we're funny, all right, but in all the wrong ways, I'm sorry to say.

Rick McGinnis writes about music, movies, books and television, but not opera.

stuntman dies on film set

» A stuntman has died and six other people have been hurt in a fire on the set of the latest John Woo film. A small boat was deliberately set alight for an action sequence being shot for the historical epic *Red Cliff*, in Beijing, China. **BBC NEWS ONLINE**

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injury



Dash cracks ribs with circus stunt

TELEVISION Clueless star Stacey Dash is nursing three cracked ribs when a circus stunt on a new reality U.S. TV show went wrong, imdb.com reports.

The actress fell while trying to climb a length of fabric, in a stunt for the forthcoming *Celebrity Circus*. Dash isn't the only injured participant; former *Brady Bunch* star Christopher Knight fractured his forearm on a giant disc dubbed the German Wheel; and Olympic swimmer Janet Evans fell from a trapeze.

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critics' corner

Rent-A-Goalie

"Old Yeller," anyone? Maybe shooting Joey (Joe Pingue) isn't necessary, but he is convinced he has rabies after being bitten by one of his fighting squirrels. He locks himself in a room, it's up to his wife and Cake (Michelle Nolden, Christopher Bolton) to get him out. And the chomping squirrel continues to be on the loose, sending more people to Doc's (Matt Gordon) office. 10:30 PM on SHOW



Corner Gas

Hank (Fred Ewanick) is psychic?? Apparently. When his vague dreams seem to predict the future, he's sure he's got a gift. Wanda and Brent (Nancy Robertson, Brent Butt) laugh it off, but one of them stops giggling when a prediction comes true. Lacey and Oscar (Gabrielle Miller, Eric Peterson) team up to fix a pothole in "Key to the Future." 12:30 PM on COM

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You'll get a lucky strike. Keep your wits about you. Don't give in to unappreciative people's whims.



TAURUS | April 21-May 21

The best way to kill time is to keep busy. Clearing of obstacles improves your state of affairs. Confusion will force you to be gracious.



GEMINI | May 22-June 21

A polite guy will improve your mood. Be respectful with someone who is in love. Someone who is ill requires funds.



CANCER | June 22-July 22

Something ends as something else begins. A friend will find a reason to be cheerful. Do all that you can to make up with a man.



LEO | July 23-Aug. 23

Take a break despite opposition. Don't get involved in a heated discussion. A joker needs to get himself a life.



VIRGO | Aug. 24-Sept. 22

Big news reveals much about someone's dishonesty. Be sincere when asked about a bad character. A relative will become a guest.



LIBRA | Sep. 23-Oct. 23

A skilled person causes surprised laughter. A debate with a lazy person gets sticky. You're vexed over a grievance.



SCORPIO | Oct. 24-Nov. 22

A tough task looms ahead. A spat with a buddy isn't over yet. Motivate others with your enthusiasm.



SAGITTARIUS | Nov. 23-Dec. 21

An amusing visitor will put you in a tacky situation. A tireless friend will fix a problem. Work isn't the place for unusual treats.



CAPRICORN | Dec. 22-Jan. 20

Someone will give in after a standoff. A friend changes your feelings about a love match. Challenge authority with a new attitude.



AQUARIUS | Jan. 21-Feb. 18

A stumbling block becomes a laughing matter. Hopefulness works well for you. Ignore complaints made about a friend.



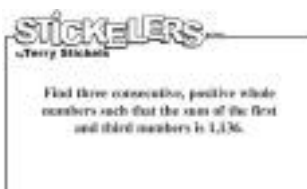
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solve time»

Under 13 minutes
13-17 minutes
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More than 25

Genius
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Smart
Pretty good
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previous answer

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Edmonton weather

Afternoon

60%
Thunderstorms.
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Tonight

Variable.
Low 7°

Thursday

Partly sunny.
20° / 8°

Friday

40%
Showers.
19° / 7°

Saturday

Partly cloudy.
17° / 8°

Temperature Normals
High: 21.1°
Low: 8.2°

Records
High: 34.4°/1910
Low: 1.1°/1933

Sunrise: 5:04 a.m.
Sunset: 10:03 p.m.
Moonset: 1:51 a.m.
Moonrise: 2:59 p.m.

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This Day IN HISTORY

June 11, 1184 BC: Trojan War: Troy was sacked and burned, according to the calculations of Eratosthenes.

section to protest the lack of religious freedom in South Vietnam.

June 11, 1963: Buddhist monk Thich Quang Duc burns himself with gasoline in a busy Saigon inter-

June 11, 1970: Anna Mae Hays and Elizabeth P. Hoisington officially receive their ranks as U.S. army generals — the first females to do so. WIKIPEDIA.ORG



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Baby girl for Spelling

Tori Spelling and husband Dean McDermott welcomed their second child, a daughter, on Monday. People.com has confirmed. Stella Doreen McDermott was born at 3:13 p.m. in a Los Angeles hospital via C-section. She weighed six pounds, eight ounces and was 19 3/4 inches long, a rep for Spelling says. The couple also have a one-year-old son, Liam Aaron. McDermott, 41, has a son, Jack, 9, from a previous marriage.

Spelling, 35, revealed she was expecting a girl in March.

Metro News Services

Extreme diet made Hathaway cry

Anne Hathaway had to endure a gruelling diet to slim down for her role in *The Devil Wears Prada* — insisting she and co-star Emily Blunt would “cry because they were so hungry,” imdb.com reports.

Hathaway plays a journalist who lands her first job on a high profile fashion magazine — and her character is

forced to slim down to fit in with her image-obsessed colleagues.

She says, “I was basically stuck with fruit, vegetables and fish. I wouldn’t recommend that.” Emily Blunt and I would clutch at each other and cry because we were so hungry.” Metro News Services

Theron blasts ‘sad’ celebrities

Oscar winner Charlize Theron has blasted celebrities who constantly court media attention — branding their attitude “ugly,” imdb.com reports.

The actress is sick of fame-obsessed stars, insisting she finds it “sad” to see people strive to be paparazzi fodder. She tells Britain’s *Gq* magazine:

“It comes across as this really sad need for approval. I’ve heard people make comments like, ‘You don’t really want to be in the tabloids but you need to be for your career.’ They believe it’s actually important. It’s not. It’s ugly.”

Metro News Services

Bale best dressed

Christian Bale has been named as one of the best dressed men in the world, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The *Dark Knight* actor has been recognized for his love of sharp suits in a new style list by men’s magazine *Esquire*. Grammy-award winning U.S. rapper Lupe Fiasco and Cameron Diaz’s rumoured ex-boyfriend,

environmentalist David Mayer de Rothschild, also joined Bale in the top 10.

Esquire fashion director Catherine Hayward said: “Powerful men know how to dress themselves and often stick to a uniform. Each of the men in our list has given a teasing twist to traditional tailoring and made the look entirely their own.”

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